Para Military Forces on need basis, etc. have also been taken and effectively followed-up.

(c) In order to asisst States to undertake more effective action, Government has implemented a Scheme for reimbursement of Security Related Expenditure incurred by the States in tackling the problem of left wing extremism, covering the period from 1.4.1996 to 31.3.2001. So far under this Scheme, the following amounts have been released to the State Governments:—

Andhra Pradesh	—	Rs. 30.46 crores
Madhya Pradesh	—	Rs. 5 crores
Maharashtra	—	Rs. 1.95 crores
Orissa	—	Rs. 3.58 crores

(d) 'Public Order' and 'Police' being State subjects, it is for the concerned States to devise various measures and take concrete steps to tackle the problem of left wing extremism. Central Government has been regularly sensitizing the State Governments and concerned agencies regarding the activities of extremists. Intelligence is shared on continuous basis and support is provided by way of financial assistance under the SRE Scheme and the Scheme for Modernisation of State Police Forces and deployment of Central Para Military Forces.

Extortion by Criminals in Delhi

†688. SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK:
PROF.RAM GOPAL YADAV:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether cases of the extortion by the criminals in Delhi are on the extortion by the criminals in Delhi are on the rise and police/ police head consider it as a result of inefficacious law;

(b) whether Government are considering to make it stringent by making amendments in present law;

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) what are the plans of Government to check the incidents of extortion, pilferage and incessant killings in broad day light?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) A statement of month-wise figures of extortion cases from January, 1999 upto 15th February, 2000 is attached.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(*See* below) It would indicate that there has been no increase in extortion cases in Delhi in recent months. It may be mentioned that several gangs involved in extortion cases have been busted and many prominent gangsters arrested by Delhi Police in the past few months.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. Delhi Police have recommended extention of certain Maharashtra Government enactments, dealing with extortionists and organised crime, to the National Capital Territory of Delhi.

(d) The steps taken in this regard include inter-alia, creation of an anti-extortion cell in Delhi police to deal exclusively with extortion related cases, intensification of beat patrolling; posting of armed pickets at strategic points; strengthening of intelligence network; close watch on and frequent raids at the suspected hide-outs of criminals and terrorists; verification of antecendents of domestic servants; increased surveillance on history sheeters; coordination meeting with officers of neighbouring states; meetings with members of Residents Welfare Associations; Formation of anti-terrorist cell in each police district; and deployment of police personnel in plain cloths in running buses, market places, business places another crime-prone places.

Statement

Year/Month	*No. of Extortion Cases Reported*
1999	
January	15
February	12
March	13
April	09
May	16
June	12
July	04
August	02
September	05
October	09
November	08
December	08
Total	113
2000	
January	07
February	03
(upto 15.2.2000)	
Total	10